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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a  
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Replace Natural Gas Distribution  
Facilities in the Village of Hales Corners, Milwaukee County  
and the City of New Berlin, Waukesha County, Wisconsin

6630-CG-121

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, INVESTIGATION  
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the May 24, 2002, application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), now doing business as We Energies, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03 to replace natural gas distribution facilities in the village of Hales Corners, Milwaukee County and the city of New Berlin, Waukesha County, Wisconsin to accommodate reconstruction of West Grange Avenue.

WEPCO is a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

The village of Hales Corners is planning to reconstruct West Grange Avenue from South 108<sup>th</sup> Street to South 124<sup>th</sup> Street. WEPCO has gas distribution facilities within the present public road right-of-way that are in conflict with this project. To eliminate the conflict between WEPCO's gas facilities and the highway project, WEPCO proposes to: 1) replace 8,705 feet of gas main with 5,800 feet of 16-inch steel, 3,850 feet of 6-inch plastic, and 1,500 feet of 2-inch plastic gas main; 2) replace 23 steel gas services and reconnect 3 plastic gas services; and 3) retire 1 regulator pit assembly and concrete block vault and 1 relief valve assembly in a steel vault. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$1,155,200.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Jeff Murley at (608) 267-1207.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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